



# EI-news



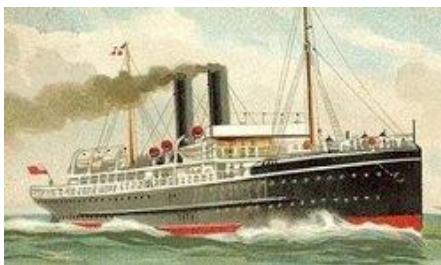
## IRTS supporting Amateur Radio

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### RMS Leinster Centenary



EI100MCV is the callsign issued by ComReg to the National Maritime Museum Radio Club in Dunlaoghaire for the year 2018. This callsign, which includes the letters of the original callsign 'MCV' of the *RMS Leinster* is to commemorate the Centenary of the sinking of the ship the Irish Sea on 10th October 1918 just a month before the end of World War 1. The sinking of the *Leinster* by a torpedo was the single largest loss of life in the Irish Sea with a total of 567 souls lost. The callsign may be used throughout the year 2018 by all members of the National Maritime Museum Radio Club as well as by any licensed EI amateur radio operator who would like to commemorate this historic centenary. The Club encourages other operators to get involved on a similar basis to the Wild Atlantic Way initiative. The event will be coordinated by Dave O'Connor, EI6AL who has acted in this capacity for many similar events. Operators wishing to use the call sign should contact Dave. [dave.ei6al@gmail.com](mailto:dave.ei6al@gmail.com)

### Limerick Radio Club



LRC is expanding its team of newsreaders for the Monday evening broadcast of IRTS News. Welcome to Tom, EI5CA and Liam, EI7DSB who will debut in the next couple of weeks.

The News is broadcast on the Limerick 2 metre repeater (145.725/145.125MHz) at 20:00. The broadcast is followed by a general call-in which in turn is followed by Morse Practice. All callers welcome. Limerick Radio Club will be holding their Rally on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Limerick on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Please Check the website for sale items. <http://www.limerickradioclub.ie/>

### Wexford Wireless Club

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March, John Tubbritt, EI3HQB will give a talk about a tilt-over telescopic mast that he has recently built over the last few months. For amateur radio operators a mast like this is a great addition to a station. They can perform maintenance tasks with ease and can let down antennas with ease if adverse weather is on its way! The talk will start at 20:30 sharp and all club members or anyone interested are invited to attend. Wexford Wireless Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 22:00 in Gorey Scout Group Hall just off Esmonde Street in Gorey, Co. Wexford. Everyone is as always very welcome. More information from Michael Fitzgerald, EI9GGB email [Wexfordwirelessclub@live.ie](mailto:Wexfordwirelessclub@live.ie)

### North Cork Radio Group



The North Cork Radio Group is proud to announce that it will activate Blackrock Castle Observatory on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. They will be activating the castle under the World Castles Award. Open to the public from 10am onwards, NCRG will be operating HF mainly, but will have showcase equipment, go boxes and other gadgets to show to the public. The NCRG hope to see many of you there on the day, or of course, on the air.

### South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club AGM will now take place at 8pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 at Ballyroan community centre on the Marian road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

### ECHO IRELAND

There is a vacancy for the position of Editor of Echo Ireland. If you would like to contribute to the production of the Society's Journal contact Gerry [EI8CC](mailto:EI8CC)



## IRTS AGM 2018

14/15 April 2018

Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway

Lectures, Dinner, Rally and AGM



Hosted by Galway VHF Group  
Updated information on [www.irts.ie/agm](http://www.irts.ie/agm)

## IRTS AGM Weekend in Galway

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting if the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Galway VHF Group over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April in the Galway Bay Hotel.

There will be Workshop Talks held on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2pm sharp, and these include:

An Introduction to Digital Radio  
The 7Q7EI Expedition  
FT8-The Weak Signal Mode  
Fun in Space.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Hotel at 7:30pm.

The Radio Rally will be held in a spacious room on Sunday with Doors opening at the earlier time of 10am with an entrance fee of €5.00. There will be a good selection of Traders including:

Mike Higgins EI0CL

Long Communications,

Bring and Buy run by Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

EPT Pens and Crafts (Shack Signs may be ordered)

The RSGB Book Stand

The IRTS Stand

The Brandmeister Digital Radio Stand

Sean Martyn - Ex Commercial Radios

Individual Tables are still available for private traders. The Galway VHF Group does not charge for the Table but will charge the admission fee for each person at the table.

Individual Radio clubs have been invited to take tables to display their club and its activities. A number of clubs have taken tables so far.

The AGM of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society takes place at 2pm sharp and we look forward to a large attendance this year.

**IRTS Annual Dinner Tickets** are available from the IRTS Website and may be purchased via PayPal. The tickets are then reserved and held for the applicants for pickup at the door. Please do not leave it too late as we have to book place settings at least one week prior to the function.

## Limerick Radio Club Rally

**Sunday 25th March 2018**

**Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Ennis Road  
Limerick**

**Doors Open at 11am**

**Check Limerick Radio Club Website for Sale items**

<http://www.limerickradioclub.ie/>

**Information and Tables Simon, EI7ALB**



**Radio, Electronics and Hobbies Exhibition**  
Sunday 25th March 2018

**Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick**  
Doors open 11:00 am; All are Welcome

**Admission fee €5 under 16 Free**



**Long Communications**



**Prizes**

**Bring and Buy**  
Bargains in Amateur Radio & Test Equipment

See lists already submitted on [www.limerickradioclub.ie](http://www.limerickradioclub.ie)

Tables are free. Requests to [michaelkingston@eircom.net](mailto:michaelkingston@eircom.net)  
A list of the items for sale can be submitted to Michael  
[www.limerickradioclub.ie](http://www.limerickradioclub.ie)

## Contests – March 2018

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

Sat 3	00:00	48 hours	<a href="#">ARRL DX SSB</a>
Sun 4	07:00	4 hours	<a href="#">UBA Spring CW</a>
Mon 5	0:00	90 minutes	<a href="#">RSGB CC DATA</a>
Wed 7	20:00	1 hour	<a href="#">UKEICC SSB</a>
Sat 10	15:00	24 hours	<a href="#">Stew Perry CW</a>
Wed 14	20:00	90 minutes	<a href="#">RSGB CC CW</a>
Sat 17	12:00	24 hours	<a href="#">Russian DX CW/SSB</a>
Sun 18	07:00	4 hours	<a href="#">UBA Spring SSB</a>
Thu 22	20:00	90 minutes	<a href="#">RSGB CC SSB</a>
Sat 24	00:00	48 hours	<a href="#">CQ WPX SSB</a>
Wed 28	19:00*	1 hour	<a href="#">UKEICC CW</a>
Sat 31	12:00	24 hours	<a href="#">UK/EI DX CW</a>
Every	Wed	60 mins	<a href="#">CWops Mini Contests</a>

**\*Note Time**

160-10m, work W/VE only, send Power, log State/Province  
80m, work ON only, exchange Serials, log ON Section  
80m, work UK only, exchange Serials  
80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63  
160m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63  
80m, work UK only, exchange Serials  
160-10m, work everyone, send Serial, log oblast code  
80m, work ON only, exchange Serials, log ON Section  
80m, work UK only, exchange Serials  
160-10m, work everyone, exchange Serials  
80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63  
80-10m, work everyone, serials (+ District Code UK & EI)  
160-10m, three separate CW contests

List compiled by Joe [EI7GY](#) (All times are UTC)